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2006 COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

Local producers are reminded of the yearly county committee election to be local board of the Farm Service Agency. This year's election will take place in the Oxford, Tally Ho and Walnut Grove Township. Local producers and farmland owners in either of these areas will be eligible to vote in this years election. Eligible voters of these communities may still submit a 669A nominating form up until August 1st, 2006. Nominating petitions are available at the county office or can be obtained online at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/pas/publications/elections>.

Once a slate of nominees has been developed, ballots will be mailed by November 3, 2006. Voted ballots must then be returned by December 4, 2006.

Because the county committee serves all producers in the county it is very important that all eligible voters participate in the election. The work of the committee is important because of their influence on programs that effect disaster assistance, price support loan and allotment and yield data.

If you are an eligible voter in this years election your input and participation is needed.

FARM RECORD CHANGES

If you have bought, sold or are renting different land, make sure you report the changes to the staff at the local Farm Service Agency county office as soon as possible so farm records can be updated. For farm ownership changes you will need to provide a recorded deed or land contract. All landowners must furnish their tax ID numbers. Remember, failure to maintain accurate records with FSA on all land you have an interest in can lead to possible program ineligibility and fines if you are participating in farm program.

FSA FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE LOAN PROGRAMS

USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) makes and guarantees loans and provides credit counseling and supervision to farmers who are temporarily unable to obtain private, commercial credit. These may mean beginning farmers who can't qualify for conventional loans because of insufficient net worth, or established farmers who have suffered financial setbacks as a result of natural disasters. These loans are tailored to a producer's needs and may be used to buy farmland and/or finance agricultural productions.

The Farm Service Agency makes loans to rural youths to establish and operate income-producing projects in connection with 4-H clubs, FFA and other youth organizations. Projects must be planned and operated with the help of the organization advisor, produce sufficient income to repay the loan and provide the youth with practical business and educational experience. The maximum loan amount is \$5000.

Stop by the County Office. We'll help prepare and process the application forms and answer any questions you may have about the program. Remember, FSA is an equal opportunity lender.

HAYING, GRAZING CRP ACRES

Haying or grazing Conservation Reserve Program acres may be permitted, but you need prior approval from the County Committee, and you must have an approved plan. Acres may be hayed or grazed once every three years, and a 25 percent reduction is assessed for every approved acre hayed or grazed.

CRP participants are urged to check their fields and properly maintain the approved conservation practice. CRP acreage committed to grass cover, wildlife border and wildlife habitat areas cannot be allowed to "grow up". Failure to maintain the cover can result in refund of annual rental payments, cost share assistance plus assessment of interest and a liquidate damage fee. If you have any questions, contact the FSA Office.

REMINDERS

- Office will be **closed** July 4th, 2006 for **Independence Day**.
- **June 30, 2006** is final date to report spring seeded crops. Soybeans double cropped behind small grains can still be reported after 06/30/2006. Report Soybeans (any crop) planted within 15 days of planting if planted after 06/30/2006.
- **Monthly Committee Meeting:** The Granville County Farm Service Agency County Committee meets the third Thursday of every month at 9:00 a.m.
- A husband or wife can sign documents on behalf of each other for FSA and **CCC** programs.
- Prevented planted acreage must be filed no later than 15 days after the final reporting date for the applicable crop.
- **Outreach:** FSA is committed to informing all persons of programs that it administers. As part of this Outreach Plan, The CED is available to speak to groups upon request.

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